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Executive Secretary, SIG(I)

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Minutes of Meeting

The Chairman, Mr. McMahon, opened the meeting by drawing attention to the need for determining how well the Intelligence Community is responding to the current NITs. He asked that the Committee also reaffirm the NITs as they stand, or alter them as necessary.

The Chairman noted the number (228) of NIT-related reports that have been produced since June 1982 and in this connection questioned the IPC's rating of Community performance pertaining to a specific NIT. Mr. Richard Kerr, IPC Chairman, provided an explanation.

Discussion followed on: (1) appropriateness of the current NITs and Community responsiveness; and (2) special problem areas, i.e., technology transfer, narcotics trafficking, and others which are competing seriously for finite resources within the Community. Regarding the NITs, Committee members registered general satisfaction with the current set and with Community responsiveness to them. Several members, however, expressed their views on the possible need for adjustments--that the NIT 9-12 month timeframe may be too long--that more production is needed on several facets of international financing--that a need exists for intelligence products that would help to drive policy decisions and provide grist for policymakers in the longer term --that better and timelier distribution of products is needed--and a request for possibly streamlining the Committee's review mechanism. The NSC staff member submitted two recommendations (see attached) for change in the current NITs.

In the special problems area, the Chairman highlighted the implications and difficulties surrounding technology transfer and the illegal trafficking of narcotics, in particular. He noted the kinds of progress being made and additional steps under way to combat each of these problem sets. Moreover, he


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stressed the need to gain a better sense of priority among these and other special areas of concern which are drawing heavily on the Community's limited resources. In the discussion that followed, some Committee members noted deficiencies in coping with special problem areas--ad hoc use of resources, and acute impact upon available skills and manpower within a single agency

 It was proposed that, in the case of narcotics trafficking, the whole problem be brought into fuller view toward development of a more coherent Community approach--one that would be more effective at a more reasonable resource investment. It was agreed that, at this time, it would be extremely difficult to assign greater importance to one special problem area over another.

The Chairman concluded the meeting and expressed his appreciation for the Committee's inputs.



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Participants: SIG(I) Committee on Priorities Meeting, 12 January 1982

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NSC:	Mr. Ken deGraffenreid
State:	Mr. Hugh Montgomery
Defense:	Mr. Ron Stivers
Treasury:	Mr. Beryl Sprinkle*
Commerce:	Mr. Sherman Unger
Energy:	Mr. Herman Roser
JCS:	Lt. Gen. Paul Gorman, USA
CIA:	Mr. Richard Kerr


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